

# BIOLOGY: ENVIRONMENTAL BIOSCIENCES CONCENTRATION, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

## Expected Student Outcomes

- Students will develop a broad-based knowledge of concepts and terminology in molecular, cellular, organismal, and ecological biology.
- Students will develop applied scientific skills through field and laboratory experience and data analysis.
- Students will develop skills in reading and interpreting the scientific literature and in presenting a synthesis of it accurately in oral and written form.
- Students will demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving skills using experimental design and the scientific method.

## Outcomes Assessment Activities

Assessment of students' improvement in intellectual skills, knowledge and capacities from entrance to graduation will be accomplished through the use of several tools. Exams and course assignments will be used as one measure of the student's proficiency in writing skills, acquisition of knowledge, communication, problem solving and laboratory skills. All majors will take a Senior Seminar that requires scientific literature interpretation along with oral and written presentations evaluated by peers and department faculty. Seniors will also take the Biology Major Field Test, which measures Colorado State University Pueblo students' content knowledge and analytical skills against national norms.

## Specific Program Requirements

- Students majoring in biology must receive a grade of C or better (2.000) in all core biology courses.
- Students graduating with a BS in biology must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the major area. A cumulative GPA of 2.600 in the major area is required for admission to the teacher education program.
- Transfer students are required to earn a minimum of 15 semester credit hours in approved Biology upper division courses from CSU-Pueblo, including BIOL 493 SEMINAR (1.00 c.h.), for graduation with a BS degree in Biology.
- A maximum of 6 semester credit hours of approved upper division CHEM courses may be applied towards approved upper division biology electives.
- A maximum of 6 semester credit hours of approved upper division WANR courses may be applied towards approved upper division biology electives.
- Graduates are encouraged to complete a minor outside the biology department.

## Specific Core Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 171	First Year Seminar	1
BIOL 181 & 181L	College Biology I/Organismal Bio and College Biology I/Organismal Bio Lab	4

BIOL 182 & 182L	College Biology II/Cellular Biology and College Biology II/Cellular Bio Lab	4
Select one of the following:		4
BIOL 201 & 201L	Botany and Botany Laboratory	4
BIOL 202 & 202L	Zoology and Zoology Laboratory	4
BIOL 301 & 301L	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Lab	5
BIOL 350	Mendelian and Population Genetics	2
BIOL 351	Molecular Biology and Genetics	2
BIOL 352	Evolutionary Biology and Ecology	3
Select one of the following:		4
BIOL 412 & 412L	Cellular Biology and Cellular Biology Lab	4
BIOL 413 & 413L	Plant Physiology and Plant Physiology Lab	4
BIOL 414 & 414L	Vertebrate Physiology and Vertebrate Physiology Lab	4
BIOL 493	Seminar	1
Total Credits		30

## Specific Concentration Requirements

This concentration includes Pre-Ecology and Pre-Forestry/wildlife.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Biology Core Courses</b>		
Biology Core Courses with both of the following:		34
BIOL 201 & 201L	BOTANY and BOTANY LABORATORY	4
BIOL 202 & 202L	ZOOLOGY and ZOOLOGY LABORATORY	4
<b>Adviser Approved Upper Division Biology Electives</b>		
Select at least two Ecology/Environmental courses from the following:		7-8
BIOL 443 & 443L	LIMNOLOGY and LIMNOLOGY LAB	4
BIOL 453 & 453L	ECOLOGY and ECOLOGY FIELD STUDIES	4
BIOL 454	BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY	3
BIOL 461	APPLIED GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY (GIS/GPS)	3
BIOL 462	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & MANAGEMENT	3
BIOL 465	ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY	3
BIOL 486	FIELD BOTANY	3
Select at least one Taxonomy course from the following:		3-4
BIOL 479 & 479L	ICHTHYOLOGY and ICHTHYOLOGY LABORATORY	3
BIOL 481 & 481L	ENTOMOLOGY and ENTOMOLOGY LAB	3
BIOL 482 & 482L	HERPETOLOGY and HERPETOLOGY LAB	3
BIOL 483 & 483L	MAMMALOLOGY and MAMMALOLOGY LAB	3
BIOL 484 & 484L	ORNITHOLOGY and ORNITHOLOGY LAB	3

BIOL 485 & 485L	PLANT TAXONOMY and PLANT TAXONOMY LAB	4
<b>Required Support Courses</b>		
CHEM 121 & 121L	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LAB I	5
CHEM 122 & 122L	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II and GENERAL CHEMISTRY LAB II	5
CHEM 301 & 301L	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I and ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LAB I	5
CHEM 302 & 302L	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II and ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LAB II	5
MATH 156	INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS	3
MATH 221	APPLIED CALC: AN INTUITIVE APPROACH	4
Select one of the following sequences:		8-10
Sequence A:		
PHYS 201 & 201L	PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS I and PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS LAB I	4
PHYS 202 & 202L	PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS II and PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS II LAB	4
Sequence B:		
PHYS 221 & 221L	GENERAL PHYSICS I and GENERAL PHYSICS I LAB	5
PHYS 222 & 222L	GENERAL PHYSICS II and GENERAL PHYSICS II LAB	5
COMR 103	SPEAKING AND LISTENING (H)	3
<b>Institutional and General Education</b>		
Select 21 credits		21
<b>General Electives</b>		
Select 14-16 credits		14-16
Total Credits		117-123